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Air Force colonel to discuss 'Blackbird'

Marsha Arriola
staff writer

Retired Air Force Colonel Richard Graham will share his flight experiences and knowledge as pilot of the famous "Blackbird" aircraft at 10 a.m. Nov. 5 in the Apache Rooms.

Graham is the second Enrichment Series speaker.

Free tickets are available at Student Activity Office in Rogers Student Center. Call 510-2249 for information.



courtesy photo
Richard Graham

Graham spent seven years as an SR-71 pilot. He was an SR-71 instructor and the first Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron commander, according to the jacket of his book, "SR-71 Revealed, The Inside Story."

Graham tells of political battles surrounding retiring the aircraft and deciding to reactivate it.

Reading the book is like "strapping yourself in for a Mach 3 ride. It takes you where few have ever been, deep inside the once-secret world of the Blackbird," according to the jacket.

November events

Nov. 5 Student Enrichment Speaker
Richard Graham

Nov. 7 Pops Concert
"Pop In, Jazz Up, Rock Out!"

Nov. 18 TJC and UTT Bands Fall Concert

Nov. 20-25 "The Eye of God"

Call 510-2249 for information.

News, Touchstone staffs win 5 state awards

Journalism students won five awards at the Texas Community College Journalism Association Conference here Oct. 10. Work from the 1996-97 TJC Touchstone and TJC News competed with that from other Texas community colleges.

1997 Touchstone Editor Jamie Melton and staff won second place for magazine overall excellence.

Jesse Jones won first place for his magazine non-photo illustration "Recondite" and Jennifer Pecquet's photo "Old Time Barn," earned an honorable mention.

The 1996-97 News staff won third place for headline writing and sophomore Jeff Sprick earned an honorable mention for layout and design.

Some 130 college journalists from 20 Texas schools met in Rogers Student Center for the event.

Steve Blow, Dallas Morning News columnist, opened the day discussing "Journalism as a Career." Blow, a TJC journalism graduate, also taught a session on column writing.

Other speakers were: Publisher Janet Drake of Tyler Today Magazine, Reporter Anna Martinez of Channel 8 TV, Dallas, Editors Dave Berry and Danny Mogle and Reporter Vanessa Curry from Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Speakers led a dozen sessions on getting internships and jobs in newspaper, magazine, radio, television, advertising and public relations operations.

Pulitzer Prize winner Joe Murray of

Lufkin spoke about his travel writing at a picnic lunch in Windsor Plaza.

Students won some 200 awards for 1996-97 publications during the Black Tie Awards Banquet Friday evening. TJC President Dr. Bill Crowe spoke briefly about college administrators and college journalists.

Crowe quoted Reporter Ann Matthews who said, "Academics are so used to people taking notes and laughing obligingly at all their jokes. And they make people disappear all the time by flunking them or denying them tenure. But they can't do that to reporters, which is all the more irritating since they are their major competition for influencing the secular mind."

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Board considers Cowboys' camp

Karin Miller
editor-in-chief

The TJC Board of Trustees said Thursday they will consider hosting the Dallas Cowboys' training camp only if it will benefit the College and the community.

Some board members said the venture might interfere with TJC's mission, which is to educate students.

Another concern is what condition the Cowboys would leave TJC practice fields in once they finish summer training, "right before our teams need them the most," TJC President Dr. Bill Crowe said.

Crowe said TJC will not spend college funds to attract the Cowboys.

In other action, the Board:

- discussed the school's financial condition, described as "relatively stable." Increased enrollment raised income by \$200,000 this fall.

- agreed to join a purchasing cooperative, which will save an estimated \$50,000 to 75,000 a year on regularly purchased consumable products and approximately \$25,000 on copy paper alone.

- discussed plans to renovate Wise Auditorium, including new seating, sound and lighting systems, carpeting and curtains.

TJC is soliciting bids for the project, which is expected to cost about \$1.2 million, Assistant Purchasing Director Thomas Hawkins said.

Crowe said the Dec. 5-7 performances of "The Nutcracker" ballet will be the last events in the Auditorium before renovations begin.

Journalism students and advisors enjoyed a picnic lunch in Windsor Plaza during the annual Texas Community College Journalism Association Conference. About 130 people attended the day long meeting at which a dozen professional journalists discussed their work.

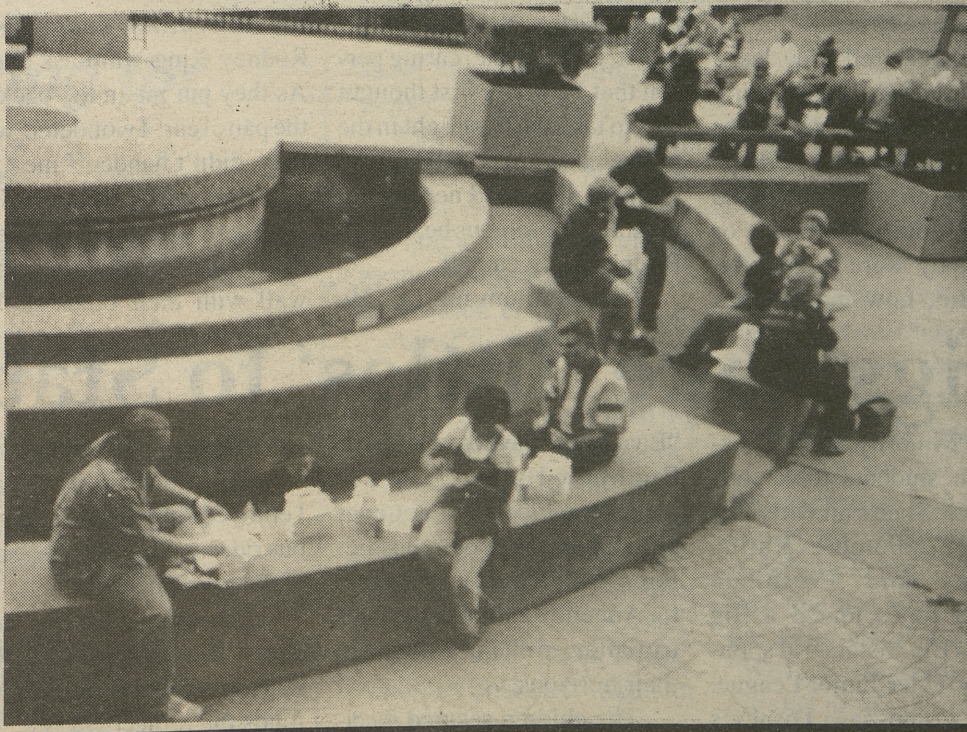


photo by George McKinney

CAMPUS F•O•C•U•S

George McKinney
assistant editor

"What do you think of the proposal to bring the Dallas Cowboys to Tyler for summer training camp?"



Billy Gipson

"It'll bring more publicity to the city and it would be a good opportunity for the kids to see them."



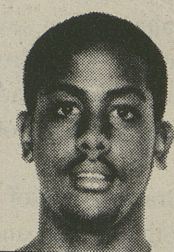
Holly Flanagan

"It would probably be good for the school, because we could be known around the world."



Veronica Carter

"It would be good for the kids and guys, but I don't care."



P.J. Redmon

"More people would want to come to Tyler and it would bring more businesses."



Seth Morgan

"That'll be cool. It would bring more money, beer and people to Tyler."

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Police encounter teaches lessons

George McKinney
assistant editor

Being stopped by police can be a valuable experience. You learn to not take life so seriously and, if you are ever stopped in Oklahoma, to talk really slow.

Just a few blocks from a relative's house, my uncle, his four sons and I spotted those familiar red and blue lights flashing behind us.

We stopped.

They stopped.

One officer approached the driver's side of the car and asked my uncle for his driver's license, car insurance, handgun, crack pipe, peace pipe, marijuana stash, baby picture, third grade report card and just some other stuff any driver would routinely carry.

We could tell how leery they were of us, considering we were black men from Texas riding in a nice car. Perhaps they were on edge about the Federal Building Bombing or maybe they were a little bit racist. But, how many black

folks have you seen on the news for blowing up buildings? A drive-by here or there, passing hot checks maybe, but we don't do international terrorism.

The whole situation was a bit humorous because my uncle had just been telling me how he was stopped by the same cop for driving without insurance. Maybe they don't think we all look alike after all.

While one officer questioned my uncle, the other officer knocked on the passenger window. I rolled down the window and instantly experienced one of those out-of-body traumas, the ones where you see The Light. As he shined that two billion-watt flashlight in my face, I thought for a moment I was Stevie Wonder or Ray Charles. Being the nice, sweet, considerate, caring person that I am, my first thought was to take the flashlight in the glove box and blind the redneck. I decided not to after recalling the famous beat down Rodney King caught.

I showed him my I.D. He

told me to step out of the car. I was hoping somebody had better be in the bushes with a Panasonic camcorder recording this. The officer escorted me back to the patrol car where he searched me for drug paraphernalia. All this is happening as I am recovering from baby-sitting a bunch of kids all evening. You can pretty much guess what he was thinking, as he questioned a very tired, 280-pound black man with red eyes and an unpleasant disposition.

When the officers called for reinforcements, I didn't know whether to feel arrogant that they were so intimidated by my imposing black stature, or feel a little scared because a few extra cops would get in on a do-it-for-LAPD-beat-a-big-black-brother-down-like-Rodney King-whip-ass party. As they put me in the back of the patrol car, I wondered why they didn't handcuff me.

Maybe they wanted me to run so they could shoot me in the back and hang me on their wall with their other stuffed

trophies? "Look, Fred!, got 'nother one." they could brag to their hunting buddies,

About a half hour later they released all of us, even the four little criminals-in-training in the back. I bid them a fond farewell and got back into the car.

Turns out they were looking for a 6-foot 3-inch 170 pound black man wearing a red shirt who jumped out of a big yellow Cadillac.

We were riding in a gray Mitsubishi Galant. I'm barely six feet tall and closer to 280. My uncle is about 5 feet 6 inches, 225 pounds. His sons are all elementary school kids under five feet tall. It's easy how they could make a simple little mistake like that.

I learned from this experience to always keep your I.D. with you at all times, even if it has expired. Never, ever baby-sit again for free. Keep Johnnie Cochran in the back seat with you wherever you go. Most important of all, talk real slow whenever you're pulled over by the OCPD.

'Bigs' take 'littles' to State Fair

Two Minority Student Association students took children to the State Fair early this month. Sophomore Katina Chimney and Freshman LaTosha Jones joined a Big Brothers Big Sisters trip sponsored by Tyler Junior League.

The group saw Disney's

"Beauty and the Beast" at State Fair Music Hall.

"Some kids have not ever seen a bathroom on a bus before," BBBS Executive Director Annette Findley said. "This trip allowed them to broaden their horizons.

The children seemed fasci-

nated by the festivities.

"My Little Champagne and I enjoyed singing songs on the bus ride home," Chimney said. "It was a wonderful."

Each month BBBS conducts "Bigs for the Day." Participants go free because a grant funds the project.

"This program is unique because the child knows the Big doesn't have to be there but chooses to be there," Findley said.

"Next semester I hope to become a permanent Big because I had fun helping others," Jones said.

Group dispels popular witch image

Seth Skorkowsky
staff writer

When most people think of witchcraft, they often visualize fairytale images of ugly women in pointed hats worshipping the devil. But these ideas come from storybooks. Witchcraft, or Wicca, was and still is a popular religion, even in Tyler.

John, a sophomore, is a practicing wiccan.

"I first realized I was wiccan about six years ago

after numerous discussions about religion with people who were. That was when I learned it practices what I have always believed," he said.

Most wiccans are outraged at the ways television and movies portray witchcraft beliefs.

"The way TV portrays paganism makes me mad, because they act like it's a set of specific rules and rites, when truly, faith is different for everyone," Mary, a freshmen, said.

In his book, "Living Wicca," Scott Cunningham writes that paganism is restricted by few rules and guidelines. The "three-fold-rule" means that whatever good or

bad one does comes back three-fold. Other than that rule and basic beliefs, pagans maintain diverse personal beliefs.

Wiccans say their practices are not influenced by the devil despite what some uninformed people think.

"I don't worship or believe in a devil," John said.

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"Witchcraft is a peaceful religion. It's not at all violent as people think. Not once have I ever done anything

harmful to myself, or anyone else for my religion."

In his book, "Witchcraft on the Inside," Raymond Buckland said the majority of wiccan beliefs and ceremonies celebrate the goodness of all life.

They practice kindness to all living things. True pagans are expected to live by the saying, "do what thou will, but harm none."

Most modern witches are very secretive about their beliefs because they fear being attacked. Misconceptions about their beliefs have kept their religion very hidden because they have a long history

of being persecuted.

Buckland wrote that more than nine million women and men have been executed for being witches throughout the centuries. The last anti-witchcraft laws were abolished as recently as the mid-1950s in Great Britain.

"I despise being attacked for my beliefs by people who haven't a clue what exactly I believe," freshman Bill said.

Others, especially Christians, disagree.

"I feel sorry for them. True satisfaction is found only in Jesus Christ," Sophomore Paul Mitchell, a student at the Baptist Student Center said.

"We (Christians) don't promote hatred. Everyone has the right to their own opinion," Dr. Philip Attebery, Association of Baptist Students director said. "The Bible does not indicate

the existence of 'good' witches."

Dr. Attebery called witchcraft a form of rebellion.

"Witchcraft is 6,700 years old. It is one of the oldest religions there are, yet it is classified as New Age," John said.

Paganism is several thousand years older. The term pagan is Latin meaning "people who dwell in the country."

"If anyone is interested in it, there are many good books on the subject," John said.

Most pagans say reading is the best way for someone to gain a better understanding of their beliefs. John recommends anything by Scott Cunningham.

Editor's note: TJC students were interviewed for this story. Their names have been withheld to protect their privacy.

Seniors to register at Oct. 30 'party'

Kevin Harris
staff writer

Citizens 55 and older are invited to an "Add to Your Life Registration Party" from 2-4 p.m., Oct. 30 in Rogers Student Center.

They who attend can register for continuing classes in November or get information about courses for future Seniors College sessions.

Courses will begin from 2-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3.

"Ten different subject areas and a total of 17 classes were offered in the first session which ends," Seniors College Coordinator Rebecca Foster said.

Courses are: "Writing your Memoirs," "The Opera," "Interior Design," "Conversational Spanish," "Art Appreciation," "Beginning Computing" and "Personal Wellness."

Others are: "Texas Trivia," "Gourmet Cooking," "Sight for Life," "Great Books Discussion," "Personal Finance,"

"Line Dancing," "Genealogy," and "Let's Go to the Movies."

Those who sign up should be prepared to pay \$35. This fee includes a parking permit and full library privileges during the courses.

"Those who do not wish to register at this time are welcome, too. They can suggest a course topic and we'll pursue it," Foster said.

Refreshments and door prizes are planned and reserved parking will be available on the east side of Rogers Student Center. Drivers enter from Baxter Avenue via Lake Street.

"We're excited at the response we've had from the community. Seniors College is definitely providing a service that has not been met in the Tyler area," Foster said. "We look forward to expanding this program to meet the needs of those 55 and older."

Students receive \$1 million in grants

More than \$1 million was distributed to students here in Pell Grant reimbursements last month. Another \$650,000 will be transferred to TJC from local banks: Bank One, Nations Bank and Southside Bank.

"These institutions act as lenders for financial aid. TJC staff then distribute these funds in the form of checks to those receiving reimbursements for student loans," Staff Accountant Rebecca Wyatt said.

"If students do not have a place to bank in Tyler, they can cash these checks at Southside Bank," she said. The Bank has many locations, the closest at 1201 S. Beckham, three blocks west of the campus.

Registration begins Nov. 10

Automated telephone registration for the Spring 1998 semester begins Nov. 10 and runs through Jan. 4, 1998, registrar Bill Wilmeth said.

Students can pick up registration schedules at the registrar office next week to plan their semester and to take advantage of telephone registration, Wilmeth said.

The schedule contains step-by-step instructions on how to register by phone.

"It'll explain who can register, when and how. Just follow the directions once your plan has been formulated," Wilmeth said.

"No major problems are expected for this second telephone registration. The process just takes practice until the procedure is mastered, Wilmeth said."

"We want to encourage everyone to plan early and take advantage," he said. For more information call 510-2404.

**Are you looking for
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east of campus on South Baxter St.**

**ALL STUDENTS
WELCOME**

Flu shots cost \$5

Health Services staff will give flu shots to students and faculty until Dec. 11.

They also offer the Hepatitis B series which is not a routine shot, Nursing Instructor Judy Carr said. "It's only for dental faculty and students who are at high risk," Carr said.

This time of year many people are diagnosed with the flu which is caused by viruses. Viruses can be spread through sneezing, coughing and people covering their mouths, then touching Carr said. The flu causes fever, chills, headaches, dry cough and muscle aches.

Flu vaccine will not give a person the flu because it is made from killed viruses, Carr said.

Flu shots will be given from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Health Services in Rogers Student Center. Recipients must pay \$5 at the cashier's office for the flu shot, and \$100 for the Hepatitis B series.

"Bring the receipt to the Health Service department during the designated hours and they'll shoot 'em," Carr said.

Students' behavior leads to illnesses

by La Shaunda Greer
page editor

During this time of the year many students begin to complain about how other students gave them their flu or their cold. These students fail to take any health or sanitary precautions to protect themselves.

Students drink after one another, they go from class to class and then eat without washing their hands. More shocking is how many students use the restroom and do not wash their hands afterwards. Then they hang all over their fellow students dispersing their germs to everyone around them.

Many students find it disgusting for their classmates to go from place to place without ever washing their hands.

"Yesterday there was a girl who was coming out of a stall while I was entering the restroom. She walked over to the sink and turned on the water. She looked in the mirror, fixed her hair and then turned the water off, never once running her hands under the water." Freshman Daphne Fields said.

"She then walked out of the restroom and grabbed her boyfriend's hand. It was disgusting, I just wanted to yell out, 'don't touch her! She is contaminated,'" Fields said.

Others observe similar behaviors or worse. Yet they never speak up.

"If my friends tried to hang all over me after coming out of

the bathroom without washing their hands, I would surely tell them, 'Don't touch me. That is disgusting.'" Freshman Heather Snell said. "If students don't take the time to participate in proper personal hygiene, then when they get sick, they are getting what they deserve."

Some do take precautions to keep themselves and others around them healthy. Sophomore Genifer Oliver uses an anti-bacterial non-rinsing gel often. "You just put it on your hands, rub it in and you don't have to rinse. You can just go back to what you were doing before. It kills the germs instantly," Oliver said.

Standing by the vending machines or just outside the

doors of Jenkins Hall one can see students buying drinks or candy bars and sharing them with friends. They seem not to care if their friends are sick, or if they should be sharing food.

"Sharing drinks with friends is not disgusting. It just promotes the spread of germs and bacteria. It may not make you sick, but it will surely improve your chances of doing so," Freshman Robert Jennings said.

Stopping the spread of germs and illnesses does not end with good personal hygiene.

Sophomore Dana Blum said to stay well she gets a lot of rest and keeps her stress level to a minimum.

Nurses supply first aid, information

by Marsha Arriola
staff writer

Nurses Joyce Martin and Judy Carr operate the Health Services office 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Both are registered nurses and nursing instructors.

"There's a need for faculty and students to know what we offer," Martin said.

Students can receive first aid treatment, some immunizations, TB skin tests, ear and eye examinations, blood pressure monitoring and a few over-the-counter medications at the office on Rogers Stu-



photo by Marsha Arriola

Joyce Martin looks over important papers

dent Center second floor.

Students can rest on beds if they feel ill, borrow crutches and get counseling and medical referrals. Nurses give allergy injections and insulin for those who bring their own medication.

The office has a library of pamphlets and films about cholesterol, self-esteem, dental hygiene, smoking, STDs, date rape, and other health related subjects.

Senates urge students, faculty to give coats, food to benefit needy kids

The faculty and student senates and Volunteer Association are encouraging everyone to support the Coats for Kids drive until Nov. 7. Kids come in all sizes from infant to adult.

Canned and other non-perishable staple foods are being collected until Thanksgiving, Student Activity Director Scott Nalley said.

"We've placed boxes in just

about every building on campus," Nalley said.

"Please scour your closets and perhaps stop by a resale shop, to help a kid be just a little better prepared for the bitter cold winds to come," Faculty Senate President Ken Luke said.

All coats, sweaters, blankets and donations should be brought to the second floor of

Roger's Student Center behind the mail boxes.

"Be a part of something really good. It will warm your heart," Luke said.

The coats, jackets and blankets will be distributed to needy families by PATH on November Saturdays at Good Samaritan Outreach Center on 1432 East Gentry Parkway.

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Depression major cause of suicide

George McKinney
assistant editor

College students face a high risk of depression. More than 17.6 million Americans are troubled by clinical depression, according to research by the Phi Beta Kappa Task Force on Youth and Young Adults.

College and high school students are one of the larger groups. Tragically, clinical depression suicides have become the third highest cause of death among 15-24-year-olds.

Depression is so serious a problem on high school campuses that school officials have taken steps to combat it.

"Curriculum-based programs have been set up to work with a program specialist, Council Service Director Jerry Wrinkle said. "Agencies such as From the Beginning, East Texas Behavioral Health Cen-

Depression Symptoms

- Feeling of sadness or irritability
- A change in appetite, weight and fatigue
- A loss of energy
- Thoughts of suicide or death

ter and Andrew's Center are some local establishments," he said. Since January, 1997, between 400 and 500 cases have

been referred to these agencies.

Most students do not recognize the signs and symptoms of depression: feeling of sadness or irritability, a change in appetite or weight, fatigue or loss of energy and thoughts of suicide or death are all hints of depression. Wrinkle suggested students who do not do well in school and are not trying their hardest may be depressed.

"Students generally encounter feelings of 'bummed' or 'burnt out' during stressful times such as holidays and exams, Task Force Chair Melissa Lewis Mayer said. "Often the loss of a loved one or poor grades or any other single event

may drive a person to commit suicide."

"No cure is known for depression, but 80 percent of all depression cases can successfully be treated by medication or psychotherapy or both," Mayer said.

Most importantly, family, friends, instructors or anyone who suspects someone is demonstrating signs of clinical depression should encourage that person to contact a doctor or mental health professional immediately. For information on depression, contact Nurses Judy Carr and Joyce Martin at 510-2544 and 510-2479.

Sign language instructor aids in crisis

Robin Zell
staff writer

Teaching sign language is not boring, Dr. Judy Barnes, sign language interpreter training program director, said. When Barnes answered the phone on a recent Saturday morning, a Tyler policeman told her a 96-year-old man, deaf and paralyzed from the waist down, was holding a gun on his regular caregiver and visiting nurse. The entire Tyler Special Weapons And Training team and a Negotiation Team of 30 had no way to communicate with the man to find out what he wanted.

Contact East Texas Deaf ETDH's and Hearing for an interpreter or a TTY, telecommunications device for the deaf that works like e-mail, Barnes advised. The gunman did not know sign language, so the police asked Barnes to help them connect the two TTY machines, hers and the ETDH's. Barnes spent the next two and a half hours

stuffed into the control van with the SWAT and Negotiation teams plus FBI and Bureau of

the phone/TTY and waited for results.

Col. Smith (not his real

give Smith the altered phone.

They found Smith

sprawled on the floor where

he had fallen from his wheelchair, completely helpless, unable to reach the pistol.

"It was funny, because it ended happily," Barnes said "After all that work, the TTY didn't get used. He couldn't get up. He was very glad to allow the officers to lift him into the ambulance and drive him to the hospital!"

Barnes praised the gentleness and dignity in the professionals' treatment of Smith.

"His anger seems to have been more with the physical

problems of aging than with the ladies caring for him," she said. "It was exciting and interesting."

Tyler Police Chief W. A. Young sent Barnes a letter thanking her for helping, enabling them to conclude the crisis without anyone being physically harmed.

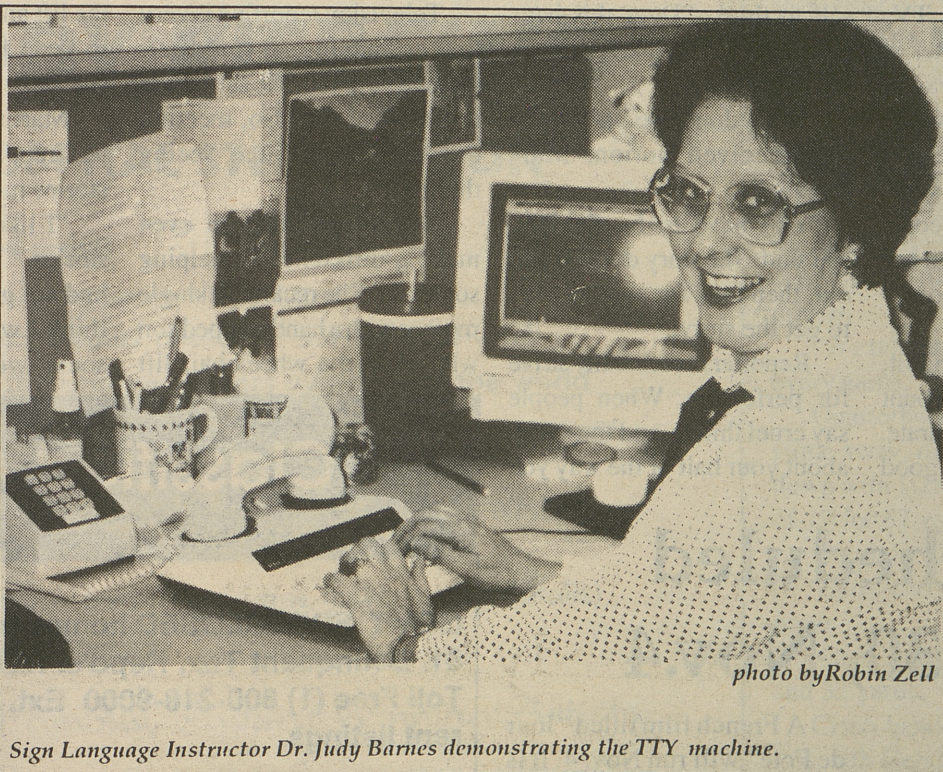


photo by Robin Zell

Sign Language Instructor Dr. Judy Barnes demonstrating the TTY machine.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms representatives.

East Texas Medical Center sent an ambulance, and the Salvation Army provided refreshments for the workers. They set up a few blocks from TJC, getting the phone lines and machines connected. Barnes then demonstrated

name), was angry but unable to tell his caregivers why. He refused to do physical therapies they had planned. He had defended his position by shooting at, but missing, the women twice with a .38 caliber pistol.

About noon the SWAT team eased into the house to

Drug, alcohol week recognized

Red Ribbon Week starts today. Director Chris Smith said the campaign is designed to help students learn effects of drug and alcohol abuse.

"Grim Reapers" will walk around handing out 'death ribbons' representing how many people will be killed by alcohol and drug abuse.

Students and others representing the Smith County Council on Alcohol Abuse and Drug tie red ribbons on patrol cars from UT and TJC Overton, Smith County, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"I've been participating in the Red Ribbon campaign for three years, SCCADA worker Scarlet Pratt," said. Coming to the kids at that age makes a big impact."

Displays in Potter, Jenkins, Pirtle and Genecov buildings and auto wrecks and graveyards on the campus will help deliver the message.

Seminar to raise AIDS awareness

Students can learn to protect themselves from AIDS at a seminar at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Apache rooms.

"Phi Theta Kappa wants to heighten awareness among college population," PTK Sponsor Gigi Beaton said.

Many TJC students are in the high risk group of 16 to 24-year-olds.

Speakers from His House, Planned Parenthood and a PTK activist will appear.

Those who come must bring a can of food. Canned food will go to the TJC Path Food Drive. For more information call 510-2356 or 561-2133.

Halloween Calendar

Cedars of Lebanon Halloween Spectacular

A hardcore punk rock concert featuring local and out-of-town bands.

7 p.m. to midnight
Oct. 31

Cedars of Lebanon and Edge City at Copeland and Reick roads

Admission \$5

Hell House

A walk through a haunted house portraying real life issues. 812 Oakwood Street in a warehouse under the overpass off Beckham Street

6 to 10 p.m.

Oct. 27-30

6 p.m. to midnight
Oct. 31

Admission \$5

Judgment House

Walk-through drama of the life and death of a young girl who has an abortion and dies because of complications.

GABC Student Center Troup Highway

6 to 10 p.m.

Oct. 28-30

6 p.m. to midnight
Oct. 31

Admission \$5

Tyler JayCees

The 25th Anniversary Haunted House, with laser tag available while you wait.

Lost City Laser Tag

7 p.m. to midnight

Oct. 27-31

Admission \$5

Broadway Square Mall and KTYL

Costume judging for kids and trick-or-treating at stores.

6 to 7 p.m.

Oct. 31

Admission free

Journalism grad Steve Blow opens convention

Jan Warrick
staff writer

Dallas Morning News columnist Steve Blow opened the Texas Community College Journalism Association Conference here discussing journalism careers.

"Journalism is a skill, not an art," Blow said.

"Anyone can learn to be a journalist. You may not be a great journalist, but you can learn," he said.

Deadlines are most important, the TJC graduate said. Writers must meet deadlines, or they won't have a job very long, he said.

"I can't afford to have writer's block and miss a deadline," he said, because



photo by Regina Rosborough

Columnist Steve Blow speaks on column writing.

the editor is counting on my story. If I don't produce, I don't get paid. Eventually I wouldn't have a job."

Blow attended TJC and what is now the University of North Texas to earn journalism degrees. His first job was at the Fort Worth Express until it went out of business. He worked in Corpus Christi several years until he joined the Dallas Morning News.

Understanding his emphasis on deadlines, Blow left the convention at noon for Dallas to write his column for Sunday's paper.

Reporter says 'you'd better love your job'

Jan Warrick
staff writer

Reporter Anna Martinez from WFAA-Channel 8 TV, Dallas, said being a reporter is not glamorous, easy or a way to get rich. She made \$9,000 when she started.

"You must be compassionate, a good listener, a good communicator and have a vision beyond the here and now," Martinez said.

Reporters are the conduit, she explained. The people count on them to get the story accurate.

Reporters must have good

news judgment and put the story in context. When compiling a story, she forces herself to think, "Does this happen to a lot of people?" or "is it unusual?"

You don't go in with a preconceived notion, Martinez said.

You have to be flexible, she said. If a story doesn't pan out, then look for another way to get the story.

Reporters continually strive for perfection. When people say cruel things, and they will, about your hair or the way you

dress, you must know in your heart that you did the best job you could, Martinez said.

Television reporting is very time consuming, so you'd better love your job, she said. But it is a lot of fun also, meeting different people and seeing things.

Sometimes you can even make a difference in helping someone. She recalled a single mother with a handicapped son who needed a wheelchair lift

for her van. After Martinez's story ran, the mother received enough donations for her to get the lift and have some leftover to keep for his future needs, she said.

Martinez said Channel 8 lets reporters pick their own stories most of the time.

"I like the human interest stories," Martinez said. "If I had not gone into reporting, I think I would have gone into social work."

Films scheduled for Oct. 30, Nov. 4

Marsha Arriola
staff writer

Foreign films will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Nov. 4 in Apache Room 4.

"Like Water for Chocolate," ("Como agua para chocolate") which ran for almost 13 weeks in Dallas is based on a 1990 Mexican novel. It is a modern, magical, realistic fiction piece scheduled for this week.

A French film titled "Jour de Fete" will run Nov. 4. It is a physical comedy film of the 50s a la Charlie Chaplin, Modern Language Instructor Elaine Graybill said.

Free popcorn will be served.

Modern language students are encouraged to attend the showings and write reviews. For more information call Graybill at 510-2463.

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Cowboys' camp would cost hefty sum

Cliff Cain
sports editor

Board of Trustees Thursday discussed the possibility of bringing the Dallas Cowboys training camp to TJC. It would cost more than \$2 million to upgrade facilities and bring in extra needed materials for the Cowboys. The Tyler Chamber of Commerce has invited Cowboys owner/general manager Jerry Jones to come and visit the TJC campus.

"Our money, energy and time are dedicated to education," Board President Harold Beaird said.

Money is a major factor in the whole process. Jones is looking to make money and TJC is not interested in spending large

amounts for the Cowboys.

The Cowboys requested 250 queen size beds, refrigerators

and TVs for the rooms, which will cost more than \$79,000, maid service and a facility to do 700 pounds of laundry every day, two practice fields, 100 golf carts, the use of vehicles and plenty of parking.

Security for the Cowboys and fans will cost \$530,500.

Another concern is will TJC be better off when the Cowboys leave? One main factor is the practice fields. The Apache football team will need the field when training camp is over.

Dallas Cowboys' relocation costs

Category	Cost Estimate
I Housing	\$1,243,625.90
II Security	530,500
III Tv production	200,000
IV Water/Refrigerator/TV's	79,711
V Vehicles	75,525
VI Fields	57,067
VII Other*	87,202.28
Total	\$2,273,631.18

*Other includes cost for parking, office set-up, telephones, meeting rooms, portable buildings, mail, laundry/dry cleaning service, weight room, pro shop, fans, equipment room needs, training room needs, football video needs, scouting special need

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TJC loses to Wranglers, beats Rangers

Cliff Cain
sports editor

The Apache football team downed Ranger College 29-15 Oct. 18, after losing to the Cisco Wranglers 26-17 three weeks ago.

TJC (6-1 overall, 4-1 conference) held the Ranger Rangers to negative yards rushing and Tyrone Clater returned two interceptions of 10 and 53 yards for touchdowns.

"We tell the defense to come and play every game," Head Coach Dale Carr said.

Quarterback Kasey Nonette put the game away, rushing for a 15-yard touchdown with 1:23 left. Nonette passed for 8-of-19 for 67 yards.

Dominic Rhodes led all rushers with 61 yards and George Fisher added 60 more.

Alan Coco kicked two field goals of 29 and 32 yards.

Cisco handed the Apaches their first loss with Gerald Harris's running. Harris ran over the Apache defense for 143 yards and a touchdown.

The Apache passing game struggled as Nonette threw 6-of-21 for 83 yards. To Nonette's credit, Apache receivers dropped several balls.

Running was strong with Rhodes rushing for 90 yards and a touchdown. Fisher added 68 yards and a touchdown.

Nguyen teaches tae kwon do

Vincent Nguyen, Tae kwon do instructor and club president, is offering classes to students, faculty, staff and their family. Lessons cost \$1 per session and last for 1 1/2 hours. Sessions are ongoing for the fall semester, and held in the Apache room once per month.

Nguyen recommends tae kwon do to everyone at any age. Because he wants to expose the benefits of this type of martial arts the price is affordable.

Tae kwon do "builds self confidence. It focuses on using common sense into reflexes.

"Tae kwon do means, art of the hand and foot," Nguyen said.

Though it helps to be physically fit, it is not necessary. Since tae kwon do teaches pressure point defense it is not strenuous.

Nguyen has been teaching tae kwon do for four years and learned from the best. He studied under Jin Won Kin, a sixth degree black belt master. Nguyen now under Master Dong Lee, 1988-92 U.S. Olympic team member.

"Our unique method of instructions are one on one action," Nguyen said. He trains one on one because he has been trained by national and foreign high profile people on the Olympic level. To sign up call the Student Activity Center at 510-2613.

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